

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 5084
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Intergovernmental Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The bill author has informed the committee that Lunar New Year is culturally significant to a vast and growing number of Texans, and that part of the cultural tradition of the holiday is using consumer fireworks for celebrations. The bill author has further informed the committee that cultural groups that celebrate Lunar New Year have come forward requesting access to fireworks during their unique holiday. H.B. 5084 seeks to fulfill this request and acknowledge the celebrants of Lunar New Year by authorizing the sale of fireworks on and during the five days leading up to the holiday.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 5084 amends the Occupations Code to authorize a retail fireworks permit holder to sell fireworks to the public during the period beginning five days before Lunar New Year and ending at midnight on Lunar New Year.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2025.